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SUBJ: OPENING OF STATE SECURITY COURT TRIAL IS ANNOUNCED
FOR SEPTEMBER 14

REF: TUNIS 6384

1. ALL TUNISIAN PAPERS ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 13 THAT STATE SECURITY COURT WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 14. FULLEST COVERAGE WASIN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED LA PRESSE, WHICH SAID THAT ACHOUR AND 38 CO-ACCUSED WILL BE INVOLVED. LA PRESSE ALSO NOTES THAT ATTORNEYS (SAID TO BE 150 IN NUMBER) DECIDED IN MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF TWO MONTHS IN ORDER TO STUDY DOSSIER OF 4,600 PAGES.

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2. ALTHOUGH VARIOUS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS TELL US NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS IS EITHER SLIGHTLY MORE OR LESS THAN 38 CITED IN LA PRESSE, IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT TWO MONTHS POSTPONEMENT WILL BE REQUESTED. THEY ALSO SAY THAT NUMBER OF ATTORNEYS DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN CASE IS BETWEEN 75 AND 79, NOT 150 AS CITED BY LA PRESSE. ACCORDING TO ONE DEFENSE ATTORNEY, GOVERNMENT DECIDED AGAINST IDEA

OF ISSUING DECREE TAILORED TO YEDUCE NUMBER OF DEFENSE TEAM.H

3. PROCEEDINGS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED BY VICE PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COURT MOHAMED TAHAR EL FATIMI, RATHER THAN PRESIDENT AYARI, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS STEPPED DOWN BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH. TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT LE BARDO MILITARY BARRACKS, WHERE SECURITY COURT HAS MET ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

4. VOA RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT IN TUNIS (NOT A U.S. NATIONAL) HAS REQUESTED PRESS PASS AND WILL ATTEND, IF PASS IS OBTAINED, AS MEMBER OF FOREIGN PRESS CORPS.
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